

**Appendix G.**

**Letters from County Executive Scott Walker**



OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE  
*Milwaukee County*

**EXHIBIT III**

SCOTT WALKER • COUNTY EXECUTIVE

March 9, 2005

Stan Stojkovic, Chair  
Sexually Violent Persons Transitional Facility Siting Advisory Committee  
2400 E. Hartford Ave.  
Endres Hall, rm 1094  
Milwaukee, WI 53211

Dear Mr. Stojkovic:

In response to your letter of March 4, 2005, regarding the possible inclusion of two properties owned by Milwaukee County for recommendation to the State of Wisconsin as suitable locations for placement of a facility to house sexually violent persons, I am strongly opposed to the sale of either county-owned parcel for this purpose.

Neither property is currently for sale. Milwaukee County views both of these properties and the surrounding areas as important sites for future recreation, economic or community development. Construction of a residential facility for sexually violent persons at either location would adversely impact the potential for any future development of parks, recreational facilities or any other use that would benefit our county.

While your committee may view these two properties with favor for being in somewhat isolated locations currently, that view would be short sighted and would fail to consider the potential for future development in those areas. I would strongly urge the committee to consult with real estate experts to gain a better understanding of the vast potential for future recreational, economic or community development that this project would undoubtedly disrupt in both of these areas.

As was communicated to you on February 23, 2005, in a letter from Milwaukee County's Division of Economic and Community Development, by law, both of these properties would have to go through a process of being declared surplus. This process requires the approval of the County Executive and a majority vote of the County Board of Supervisors.

There are numerous other reasons to believe these properties will not meet the legislative intent of Wisconsin Act 187, but I am confident that the points I have made should be sufficient.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Scott Walker", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Scott Walker  
Milwaukee County Executive

Attachment:

C.C. Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors  
Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett and Milwaukee Common Council members  
Franklin Mayor Fred Klimetz and Franklin City Council members

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# INTEROFFICE MEMO

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DATE : February 23, 2005  
TO : Stan Stojkovic, Chair, MC-SVP Transitional Facility Siting Advisory Committee.  
FROM : Tim Russell, Acting Director  
SUBJECT : Request Letter Regarding Two Parcels

I have received your January letter regarding two parcels owned by Milwaukee County located at 9201 S 68<sup>th</sup> Street in the City of Franklin and 10401 W County Line Road in the City of Milwaukee.

Neither of these parcels is currently being actively marketed. In order for the Division to be able to dispose of them, there is a process that would need to be followed. First, the County Board and the County Executive would need, by resolution, to declare the parcels surplus to County needs. Once that is done, the Division would proceed to get appraisals, environmental assessments, etc. to determine an asking price and then recommend a disposition plan for approval. The City of Milwaukee parcel was acquired as a tax deed property and would not need to go through the declaration as surplus, but would need policy maker approval to transfer it to another party.

The question of whether or not these parcels would be available for the purposes of your investigation is a policy matter that would have to be decided by the County Board and County Executive. The Division is not in the position of being able either agree to their availability nor to deny that availability.

Please feel free to contact me directly should you have any questions.

Cc: County Executive Scott Walker  
County Board Chairman Lee Holloway





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March 22, 2005

Stan Stojkovic, Chair  
Sexually Violent Persons Transitional Facility Siting Advisory Committee  
Endres Hall, Rm 1094  
2400 E. Hartford Ave.  
Milwaukee, WI 53211

Dear Mr. Stojkovic:

Thank you for the opportunity to reiterate to this committee that the two county-owned parcels of land are not for sale. It has become clear that the process that has taken place is extremely flawed and it is very disappointing that the State of Wisconsin continues to push this State problem on local residents, thereby putting the people of our community and throughout the state at risk.

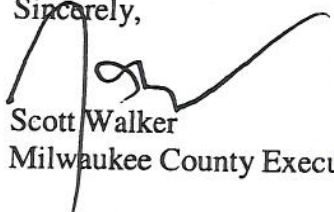
I supported the state sexual predator law when it was passed ten years ago and I continue to support the need to protect our state from dangerous sexual predators. It is clear after ten years, however, that changes to the law must be made to reflect the negative impacts on our residents from releasing these sexually violent offenders into our communities.

The State of Wisconsin created this committee and is responsible for overseeing the selection process. Unfortunately, the State failed to provide real estate professionals to assist in the work of this committee. The lack of State support has put this committee in a no-win situation.

In no other county in Wisconsin has the State attempted to put the burden of placement on county government. It's time for the State Department of Health and Family Services—and ultimately the Governor—to step up and take on their proper responsibility in this matter.

While I regret that I am not available to address the committee in person because I have an official obligation that was previously scheduled and made aware to the committee when the hearing was scheduled, I will not waver in my position on this issue. As County Executive, I will not approve the sale of county-owned land for this purpose.

Sincerely,



Scott Walker  
Milwaukee County Executive